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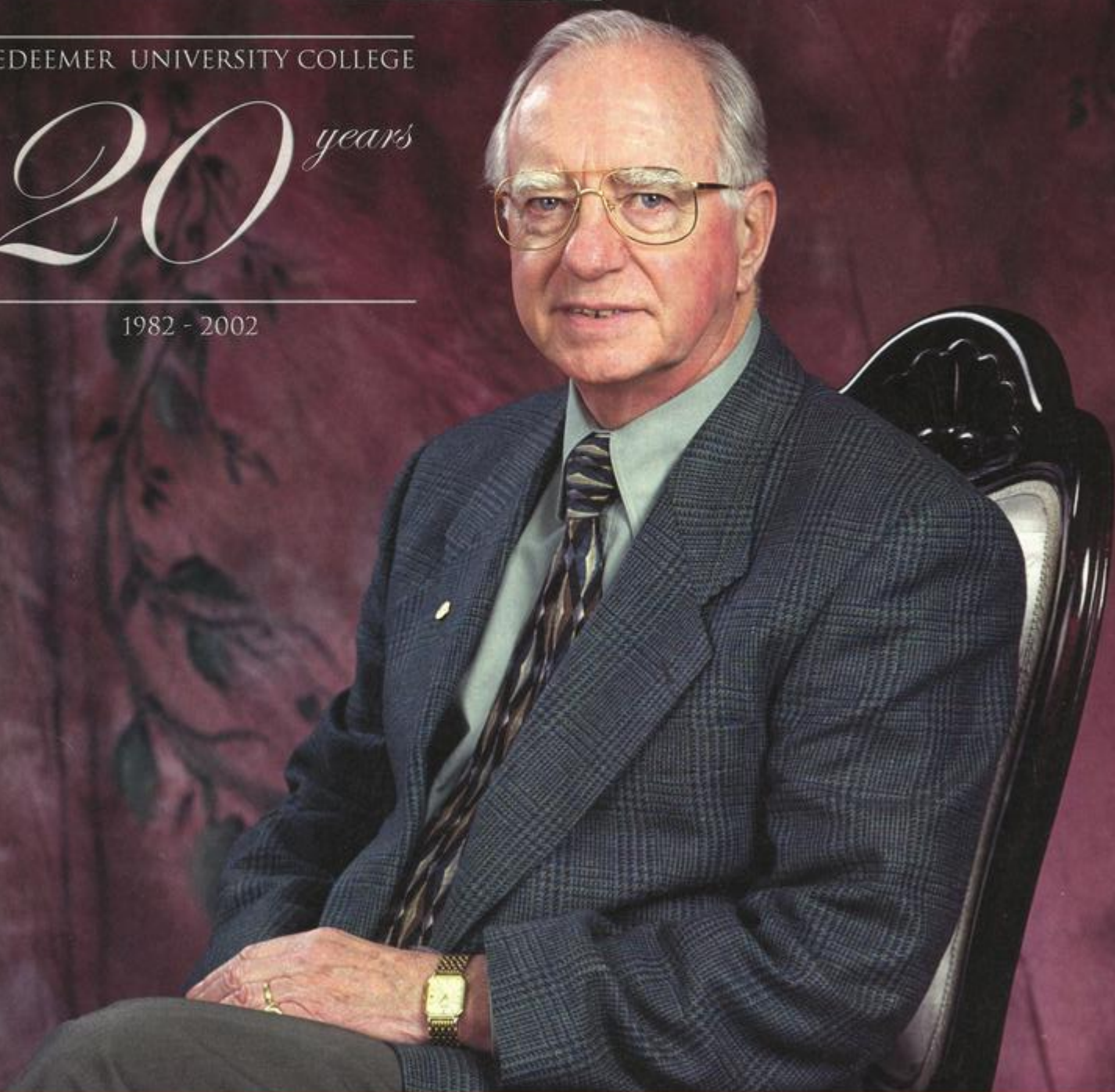
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## Celebrating 20 Years of God's Faithfulness

Justin D. Cooper

In my address at our opening convocation on September 3, 2002, I suggested to the faculty, staff and students that we were gathered to have a *Psalm 145 party*, that is, a celebration of the mighty acts of God. As we recalled the events surrounding the founding and development of Redeemer University College, it was again so very clear that through every challenge and breakthrough it has been the hand of the Lord opening the way.

We noted that over the years the Lord has used many different people to play a part in this story, from those in leadership roles to our alumni to our supporting community. In this process, four things have stood out:

- Redeemer's Reformed Christian roots point to a Biblically expansive vision of the Gospel—Christ's reconciling work is comprehensive and includes all of life, culture and learning
- this vision is shared by a community which is much larger than the faculty, staff and students on Redeemer's campus and includes alumni, members and supporters

- prayer has undergirded Redeemer's growth and development at every step of the way, and the Lord has answered those prayers in powerful and unexpected ways
- the Lord has used even our mistakes and the opposition we have faced for the refinement, growth and witness of Redeemer University College.

And so, as we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we praise God for His faithfulness and for answered prayer. And as we face challenges such as the provincial accreditation of our teacher education program and the campus expansion required to serve upwards of 1000 students, we look forward with boldness and confidence, in the knowledge that, as we remain faithful to the vision of Christ-centred, Scripturally-directed university education, we can expect the blessing of the Lord. **I**

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## Orientation activities focus on leadership

You could hardly find a more exciting place during the first few weeks of September than Redeemer University College! Redeemer welcomed over 230 new students to campus this year, 200 of whom live on campus. Lots of helpful workshops and activities were held to orient students to university life and the Redeemer community. The classic FROG Olympics were a "muddy" hit, as well other crazy events like the Chili Cook-off, the Amazing Race, a trip

to a Blue Jays game, and the Sport Extravaganza on the new outdoor tennis and basketball courts. New students also attended workshops that spoke to the transition from high school, spiritual growth opportunities on campus, and the academic vision that we have for them.

In addition to the orientation program, the Student Life Department hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Leadership Summit on Saturday, September 14. Over 80 campus leaders were in attendance for a great day of encouragement and training. Student leaders who lead in the dorms, chapel, security, student senate, clubs, and publications heard from many speakers including Dr. John Bowen from

Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto. It was a great day for students to gather as a team, and understand the important role they have on campus. One student leader remarked, "I really enjoyed the summit and learned so much that I will be able to apply not only to my role as an RA, but to many areas of my life."



Janelle Kuyvenhoven peels off dirt from the Frog Olympics

## Enrolment continues to climb

For the fourth consecutive year, Redeemer University College has reached record enrolment numbers. According to statistics released by Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Senior Director (Admissions and Student Services), there are 718 full-time equivalent students enrolled for the 2002-03 academic year, an increase of nearly 7% from last year. In total, Redeemer serves more than 760 students, including 23 full-time students who are at Redeemer for the first time, either as first year or transfer students, or who are in the Consecutive Education program.

Other notes on this year's student body:

- 50% of all students attend the Christian Reformed Church;
- 39 different denominations represented;
- of the 177 first-year students



Team building during orientation.

## Coming Events

Redeemer University College welcomes everyone to attend the following public activities. Unless stated otherwise, the events are free, and on Redeemer's campus. Tickets are available through the Box Office, (905) 648-2131, Ext. 4211.

### November 7

"*Lord of the Rings: A Spiritual Journey*," an illustrated lecture on the Tolkien novels, will be presented at the *Hamilton Spectator* Auditorium at 7:00 pm. Call the Box Office for more information.

### November 14

Open House for the business community in the Centre Foyer from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. See page 14 for more information.

- from Ontario, 52% come from Christian high schools or were homeschooled; 47% came from public or separate high schools;
- 10 countries, 12 US states and all 10 Canadian provinces are represented;
- 114, or 49%, of all new students were awarded academic scholarships by Redeemer University College.



The theme chosen for the 2002-2003 academic year, "Celebrating God's Faithfulness," is based on Psalm 145, specifically v.13 where David, singing God's praises, says, "Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made." Chosen by the Student Life Department, the theme serves as a reminder of God's faithfulness to this community over the last 20 years. The logo was designed by PJ Vander Kooij, Digital Prestidigitator at Redeemer.

## Re-imaging Images

With this issue, we are very pleased to present a major makeover for *Images*. It has been 3 years since the magazine received its last update, and we hope that you will appreciate the new look and features that have been included.

These changes arise from our observations of what works in other college and university publications, feedback from printers, discussions with the Alumni Board, and a number of helpful suggestions from staff, faculty, and supporters and readers. Through this process, we had two goals:

- a) to increase the amount and breadth of coverage for sharing Redeemer's story; and
- b) to improve the readability of the magazine.

The most obvious thing that we did was to increase the size of the magazine from 20 to 28 pages. These extra pages will be used to give readers:

- More news on what is happening around the campus
- Increased coverage of faculty activities
- An opportunity to hear faculty opinions through the Lectern at-Large column

- CentreSpot, a section that highlights special activities and features.
- A chance to participate in some more light-hearted Redeemer-related activities through BackFlap

We also trust that you will enjoy some of the design changes that we've made, including:

- Larger, bolder and sharper fonts
- Better use of, and larger, photos and other graphics
- More generous use of colour
- Enhanced alignment and delineation for longer articles
- More distinct page headers and footers

As the tagline on the front cover says, *Images* is about *Sharing Redeemer's Story*. We hope that you enjoy reading about the Redeemer community. You—the alumni and friends who share in and support Redeemer's mission—are an important part of this community, and we value what you have to say about how we tell that story. Please forward any comments and suggestions about these changes, or anything else related to the magazine, via email to [images@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:images@redeemer.on.ca), or through the mail: Images, 777 Garner Rd. E., Ancaster, ON, L9K 1J4

We look forward to hearing from you. Darren Lampson and Tim Wolfert Co-Editors

### November 14

"Faith, Hope and Love: The Drawings of Nathan Turner" opens in the Redeemer Art Gallery with a reception at 8:00 pm with the artist. The exhibit runs until December 6.

### November 16

Redeemer University College and the Work Research Foundation present a one day conference, "Leadership and Work," to be held at Redeemer. To register or obtain more information, contact the Work Research Foundation at [info@wrf.ca](mailto:info@wrf.ca), or 905.670.7386.

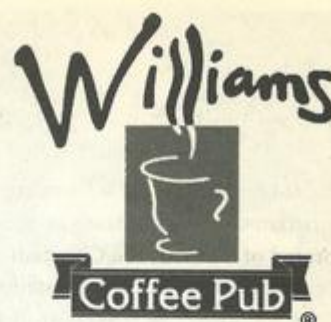
### November 21 - 23

Archibald MacLeish's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *J.B.*, directed by Raymond Louter, will be performed in the Redeemer Auditorium at 8:00 pm. Preview performance on Tuesday, November 19 at 8:00 pm, and there is a matinee performance on Wednesday, November 20 at 12:00 pm. Tickets are \$12, Students/Seniors \$10. Matinee and Preview performances are \$6.

# Williams Coffee Pub enhances food services

This fall, Redeemer welcomes an exciting new addition to our cafeteria—a Williams Coffee Pub outlet. Serving a variety of desserts, light lunches and, of course, coffee, Williams will enhance the food services that are available to Redeemer's students, employees and guests.

Redeemer purchased a franchise license from Kitchener-based Williams after a two-year study. "Students were looking for more than what our existing services could provide," says Ms Doreen Gringhuis, Director of Ancillary and Conference Services. Williams' extensive menu offers everything from gourmet coffees and delicious desserts to fresh salads, baguettes, soups, and pastas. This outlet will look the same as any other Williams franchise, including the seating and lighting that will make it a pleasant meeting place for students and visitors alike. And just as important, the Williams will be open late during



the week and on Saturdays to accommodate night classes and on-campus cultural and athletic events.

Williams will not be replacing the cafeteria but will complement the services, such as communal meals and banquets, the cafeteria is already providing. There will be two areas in the cafeteria, one for the Williams menu, and one for the traditional Redeemer fare. Redeemer will staff the Williams operation through existing food services staff and the Student Work Study Program.

This is an exciting step for Redeemer University College. Please stop by to view the new Williams Coffee Pub on your next visit.

## Thousands visit campus

Even though there are few students around, the summer months are an extremely exciting and busy time at Redeemer University College. This past summer was no exception with a much better than expected conference and events season. Redeemer welcomed over 85 groups such as World Vision, Milk and Honey, the Ontario Christian School Teachers Association, the Ontario Christian



Dr. Cooper buys the ceremonial first coffee from Lori Verschoor, Supervisor of the new Williams Coffee Pub, on its opening day.

### November 26

Dr. Colin Campbell, Part-time Instructor in Physics and Physical Science, will be giving a faculty colloquium at 4:00 pm in the Redeemer Boardroom entitled, "China: a Dragon on the Move."

### December 5

Poetry reading by Anne Simpson in the Redeemer Board Room at 4:20 pm. This reading is presented in part by the Canada Council for the Arts (see page 17 for more details).

### December 6

The Redeemer Concert Choir Christmas Concert will feature cantata settings of "Wachet auf" by Buxtehude and Bach. There will also be choral anthems and carol singing with the Redeemer Choir and orchestra. Tickets are \$16, Students/Seniors \$14.

Home Educators' Connection, Christian Communication Incorporated of Canada, the Christian Heritage Party and the Institute for Christian Studies for its annual Family Conference. Redeemer also hosted many individual church conferences, a number of weddings, family reunions, and concerts.

Last year, Redeemer attracted over 60,000 guests to campus for conferences, cultural events, and other non-student activities. Between May and August alone, food services staff prepared over 15,000 meals for conference attendees. We are thankful for dedicated staff who make our conference attendees and guests feel welcome on campus. The income that these events generate also helps Redeemer to lessen its reliance on tuition and donation receipts.

As Redeemer continues to expand, the number of conferences and events hosted continues to grow as well. Many of the groups who held conferences this past summer plan to return in 2003. If you are interested in using Redeemer for your next event, please contact Conference Services staff:

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## Sing a new song for Redeemer

It's not too late to submit a composition or a text which can serve as Redeemer's institutional anthem! The review committee has recommended that the competition be extended until January 31, 2003 and has added the incentive of an honourarium of \$500 for a composition and text or \$200 for a text which would then be set to music.

The piece should be an original composition or text which reflects and gives voice to the vision and mission of Redeemer University College. It should be composed for keyboard accompaniment and should be suitable for singing by large audiences with general musical knowledge.

Submissions will be reviewed by an institutional committee, which will use a test singing group as part of the assessment and may suggest changes to the composer or writer. Printing and copyright of the successful piece will be the prerogative of the university.

If this interests you, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Doreen Van de Ban in the president's office for further information. She can be reached at 905-648-2131, ext. 4208 or [dvdaban@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:dvdaban@redeemer.on.ca).

## Redeemer takes part in Innovation Summit

Redeemer University College was privileged to be a co-sponsoring institution, along with McMaster, Mohawk and Sheridan College, the City of Hamilton and the Region of Halton, of a regional summit on September 17 to review the federal government's recently announced innovation strategy for strengthening our educational institutions, research capacity and economy as Canada participates in the new global, knowledge-based economy.

The summit was attended by many business, institutional and government leaders and by several representatives from Redeemer. Dr. Cooper was privileged to serve on the regional coordinating committee along with other community leaders.

Besides contributing to the discussion, Redeemer found this a very beneficial opportunity for gaining a higher profile in our regional community. It is indicative of the fact that Redeemer is beginning to be recognized in the region as a valuable and contributing partner. Hopefully this will create new opportunities for co-op students and graduates and for a credible Christian witness.

### January 15, 2003

Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyzis, Part-time Instructor in Religion and Theology, will be giving a colloquium entitled "Abraham, Monotheism and Jewish Identity in the 'Book of Jubilees'" in the Redeemer Boardroom at 4:00 pm.

### January 18, 2003

Dr. Pam Rutter-Veenstra will be giving an organ recital in the Redeemer Auditorium at 8:00 pm. Program and ticket information are unavailable at this time. Further information to be posted at [www.redeemer.on.ca](http://www.redeemer.on.ca) as it becomes available.

### January 30, 2003

Poetry reading by George Elliott Clarke in the Redeemer Board Room at 4:20 pm. This reading is presented in part by the Canada Council for the Arts.

# Budget surplus and new Board members

Redeemer University College held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 5, as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. The meeting began this year with a combined reception with alumni celebrating homecoming to mark 20 years of God's faithfulness to Redeemer.

Dr. Cooper highlighted just some of the things which have happened at Redeemer over the last year, and sketched some of the plans that Redeemer has to manage its growth in a responsible manner. Board Treasurer Charlie Fluit noted that Redeemer had not only finished the year with a small surplus, it had also reduced its long-term debt by over half a million dollars.

Elections for the Board of Governors were also held and the results are as follows:

### Elected to serve a second term:

Pieter Wonder (Classis Hamilton);  
Andrew Straatsma (Grand Region Principals' Association);  
Albert DeJong (Membership Reformed Churches);  
Hilda Roukema (Membership Hamilton/Niagara Area);  
Luke Janssen (Membership Huron North Area).

### New Board members:

Nelly Westerhoff (Classis Niagara);  
Rev David Adcock (Membership Evangelical Churches);  
Michael Miedema (Membership Aylmer/St Thomas Area);  
Eric Den Ouden (Membership Bowmanville/Belleville Area)



Heavy equipment moved in this summer to realign the main campus road and install new sidewalks. These improvements are designed to make getting around an increasingly busy campus a bit safer.

Brian Verheul (Membership Ottawa Area) was chosen as the Board Chair for the 2002-03 year.

Dr Stephen Westerholm was re-elected to serve a second term on the Senate.

We are grateful for the many people who give of their time and talents to serve Redeemer.

## Building binge begins

The academic building was constructed in 1986 to house about 600 students. Through some creative use of space and some minor tinkering, students, faculty and staff have been able continue to make use of the existing facilities, even as enrolment has climbed to over 750. But there's only so much that can be squeezed into the existing space, and as it prepares to accommodate a projected 1000 students by 2005, Redeemer is set to launch its first addition to the academic building in 16 years.

The space on the east side of the building behind the Music Centre and between the gym and the cafeteria will be "filled-in" this year with a 3800 square-foot, 2-story addition; an additional 3800 square feet of existing space will be renovated. The construction will affect many departments:

- music classrooms and practice rooms will be moved upstairs into a newly renovated, soundproof space;
- the Art Department will get a second art studio and an arts computer lab; and
- the Athletic Department will get some badly needed storage and office space and an officials' room.

But the Cafeteria will benefit the most. "We need to expand our food services facilities to meet the needs of so many more students," notes Ineke VanBruinessen, Senior Director (Administration and Finance). The addition will increase the storage space for the cafeteria and add more floor space to the Food Store. The additions will also increase Redeemer's capacity to service large banquets during the summer conference season.

Construction will begin this February under the direction of Mr. Ralph Hart, Redeemer's recently hired Director of Physical Plant and Security. Mr. Hart expects construction to be completed by early August, 2003.

This East Addition is the first in a series of campus development projects which have been carefully considered to meet the needs of a larger student body. Plans for the next few years include an additional residence hall, increasing library and classroom space at the south side of the building facing Garner Rd., and developing the northwest corner by the Auditorium.

"We have been planning these projects for some time now," says Bill van Staaldunin, Vice-President (Advancement), "but we will proceed only when the need is clearly identified and when we are assured that the funds will be available. It is all part of our pledge to have 'Growth with Integrity'."

## Progress on teacher education accreditation

After many months of preparation, Redeemer's education department is right at the point of being able to submit its application for provincial accreditation of our teacher education program to the Ontario College of Teachers. Having waited for some time for the regulations governing the accreditation of all teacher education programs in Ontario to be approved by Cabinet, Redeemer can now begin the hard work of the process itself.

The teacher education program is already recognized for teaching in independent Christian schools, with graduates receiving the Ontario Christian School Teachers Certificate from OACS and OCSTA (Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools and the Ontario Christian School Teachers Association) and/or the certification of the ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International). What is now sought is the additional accreditation from the Ontario College of Teachers which will allow graduates to receive an Ontario Teachers Certificate, enabling them to teach also in public or separate schools.

This is a long and involved process, which could take up to a year to complete, but is not unlike the review which Redeemer underwent in 1998 for the B.A. and B.Sc. degrees. In this

case, a favourable outcome, leading to initial accreditation of the program by the Ontario College of Teachers, would be supplemented by another amendment to Redeemer's provincial charter for granting the B.Ed. degree, so that the new five-year program would lead to a B.A. or B.Sc. and the B.Ed. degree, as well as provincial and Christian teacher certification.

Redeemer has a quality program and it has received positive initial feedback from officials in the Ontario College of Teachers on the draft application it has prepared. Now it is ready to take this important step for students, the education department and the institution as a whole. We covet your prayers for the Lord's blessing on this initiative.

## Striving to understand God's truth

**Dr. Jacob Ellens is inaugurated as Vice-President (Academic)**

On Friday, September 20, in an atmosphere of prayer and thanksgiving, Dr. Jacob Ellens' fifteen years of service to Redeemer were celebrated as he was formally inaugurated as the university's new Vice-President (Academic).

Dr. Ellens, a native of the Netherlands, began his university studies at Trinity Christian College in Chicago, IL. He continued his education at the Institute for Christian Studies and the University of Toronto. He received his Ph.D. in history from Toronto in 1983, and joined Redeemer's faculty in 1987.

During the inauguration, Dr. Ellens was praised both for his talent as a scholar and for his sincere faith in Christ. Dr. Ellens was described as an exceptionally kind man, who would



"rather lose a limb than be knowingly unfair to anyone."

A number of Redeemer alumni were in attendance Friday evening, in addition to many friends, family, and university supporters. Representatives from Tyndale College and Seminary, the Institute for Christian Studies, and McMaster Divinity College also attended the inauguration. A reception was held in the Art Gallery afterwards.

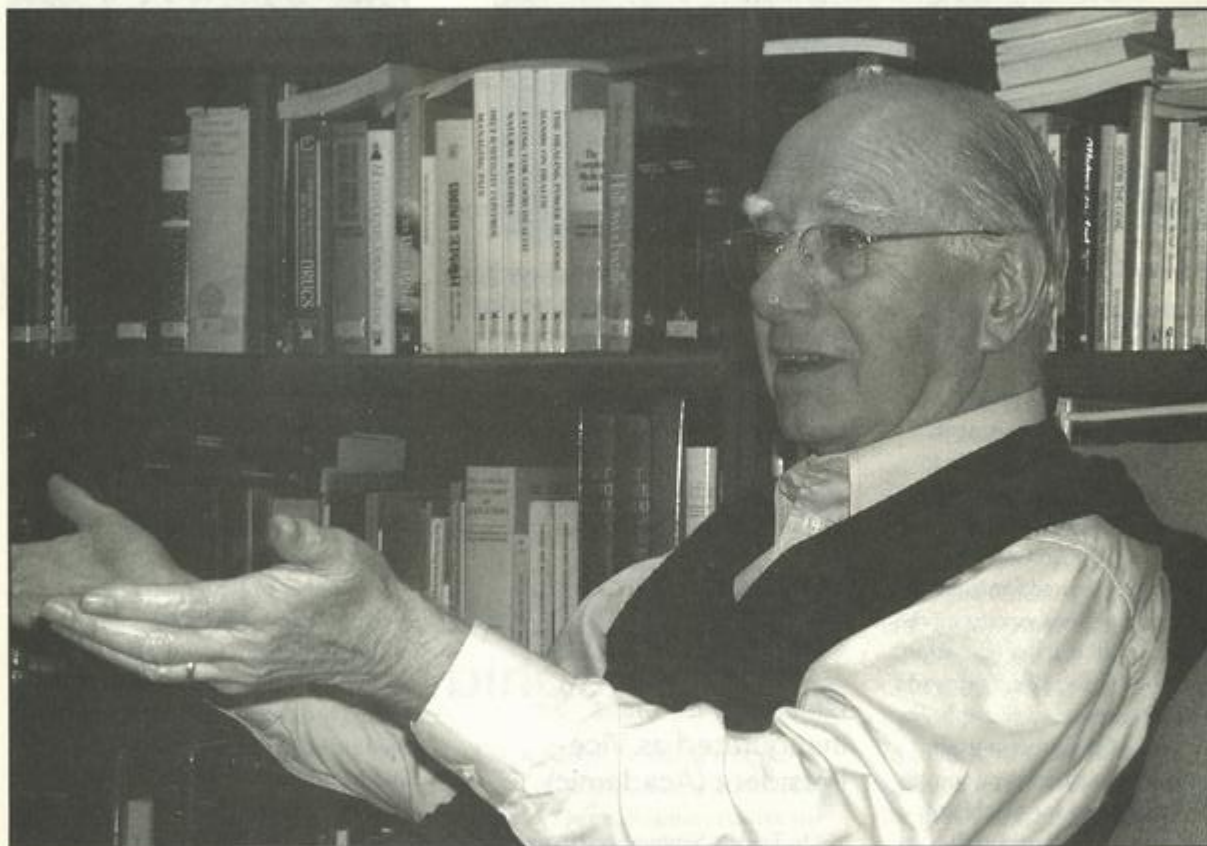
In his inaugural address, Dr. Ellens spoke of the prayer of St. Anselm. This prayer, from the eleventh century Benedictine monk and theologian, aptly portrays the academic vision Dr. Ellens has for Redeemer University College.

In his prayer, St. Anselm asks of God that he be enabled to understand "a little of [God's] truth." He goes on to confess that if he does not believe, he cannot understand. The address contrasted the vision of a Christian university against one founded on modernism or postmodernism. Dr. Ellens' address will be available in the bookstore for a nominal cost.

*Article by Mike Trolley, first published in the Crown.*

# Portrait of a President

Rev. De Bolster's unique experiences have prepared him for a life of ministry in the Church, at Redeemer, and beyond



*Anyone looking back at the first twenty years of Redeemer would be hard-pressed to identify any one person more associated with the institution than President Emeritus Rev. Henry R. De Bolster. As part of the celebrations marking this anniversary year, Rev. De Bolster was asked to reflect on his life before, during and after his time in the President's Office. Dr. Harry Van Dyke, Professor of History, Dr. Al Wolters, Professor of Religion and Theology, and Tim Wolfert, co-editor of Images sat down with Rev. De Bolster for a lengthy (but still not long enough) and informative discussion of his years in the ministry. Here follows some of that conversation.*

**Q. How are you feeling these days, Rev. De Bolster?**

A. My health today is fine, but I did have some rough moments this summer. I was admitted to the hospital in May because of severe chest pain, but fortunately my heart was not the culprit. Later this summer I was admitted again with an irregular heartbeat after I fainted in the weight room at Redeemer. I will have to live with the occasional irregular heartbeat, but right now I feel fine. I am on blood thinners, which helps prevent clotting.

**Q. Has your health had much effect on your activities?**

A. Not too much. I still preach

nearly every Sunday, but now only in the mornings. I do a bit of work on behalf of Redeemer and the Foundation, which I love to do. Since the doctor ordered me off the weights, I am no longer working out at Redeemer which I regret. I always enjoyed being at Redeemer early in the morning. I now do my exercises at home, using a stationary bike.

**Q. Prior to becoming President, you spent a number of years in the Ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. Was it always your intention to enter the ministry?**

A. Not in my teenage years. Actually, my education in the Netherlands trained me to do bookkeeping



A presidential pose from 1982.

and other office work. It was later that I returned to school to prepare for the ministry.

**Q. When did you emigrate?**

A. The first time I left the Netherlands was in 1950, when I went to study in Grand Rapids, MI. at the seminary of the Protestant Reformed Church. After my year there, I had hoped to serve a church in Chatham, ON.

**Q. Was Cobie, your wife, with you during this time?**

A. Cobie and I were engaged, and she too had come to the States while I was studying in Grand Rapids. However, before going to Chatham, we were encouraged to get married. So on December 27, 1951, with the blessing of our parents—who were still in Holland—we married, and began preparing for the move to Canada.

**Q. How long did you remain in Grand Rapids after getting married?**

A. Not long at all. I had applied for a visa to enter Canada and been told that it would take about 3 months to secure one. However, because of a bureaucratic error in securing my medical records, my visa to the States expired and Cobie and I were forced to return to Holland in March of 1952.

**Q. Was your plan to remain in Holland?**

A. Not at all. We hoped to go to Canada as quickly as possible. But when our visa came, we did not have enough money to return immediately. An

aunt needed help in her cigar store, because of an illness to her husband. I helped her and made some money. I sold tobacco at open-air markets in Rotterdam, walking around yelling "Cigars! Cigarettes!" But by August, 1952, Cobie and I had pulled together enough money for the return passage. Although the congregation in Chatham was no longer in a position to employ me, they kept their promise to sponsor Cobie and me.

Like many other immigrant families, it was a very difficult time for us. There was just no work in Chatham, so I went to Hamilton to look for a job while Cobie remained behind. Even in Hamilton, prospects were not great, and the competition for jobs was intense. But on my last Friday afternoon in Hamilton, I was interviewed for a position at Stelco. I was not hopeful, however, and returned to Chatham later that day, spending the

last sixty cents I had on a hamburger and a coffee at the bus station. It was one of the lowest days of my life. But that was also a turning point, because 10 days later I did in fact start working at Stelco, and would remain there for four years.

**Q. Where was the idea of the ministry through this time?**

A. It had been on hold as I worked to support my family. I had been encouraged by a number of people to consider a calling to the ministry, but I was hesitant. By 1958 I was working at Algoma Steel's sales office in Hamilton, and was eventually offered a position as Assistant Vice-President in Sault Ste. Marie. I had to turn the offer down because there was no church with which I was comfortable up there. But I also knew that turning down the promotion effectively ended my career at Algoma.

So in 1958, I took a part-time job at an appliance store and began taking courses at Knox College in Toronto, the Presbyterian seminary affiliated with the University of Toronto. The following summer I returned to Grand Rapids to take two courses at Calvin College. At the end of the summer, I was allowed to take some courses at Calvin Seminary, the seminary of the Christian Reformed Church, even though I was missing a rather major requirement—a bachelor's degree.

So in the 1959-60 academic year, I enrolled at Calvin College to work on my BA. What I didn't tell the College was that I was also taking courses at the Seminary. Likewise, the Seminary was unaware that I was enrolled at the College. It was, as you can imagine, a very busy time, but by the end of that year I had earned my BA as well as receiving a preaching license. I was well on my way to full-time work in the ministry.



Redeemer's faculty from the 1982-83 yearbook (Dr. W. van Dijk absent); "... even though we had our differences, our faculty was very supportive."

**Q. How many churches did you serve in the CRC?**

A. My first charge was in Brampton in 1962. I stayed there until 1966, when we moved to Calgary. And from there, I accepted a call in 1971 to serve what would become my last church, Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in St. Catharines, ON.

**Q. When you were in Calgary, were you involved in the movement to start a Christian university in Alberta?**

A. One of the reasons why I accepted the call to Calgary was to become involved in an attempt to start a Reformed Christian College in Alberta. Some people were discussing this possibility before I came, but it had not gone beyond the initial talks. When I arrived in Calgary, I became immediately involved in those discussions.

It did not take long to start an association called the Alberta Christian College Association (ACCA), and I became its first president. During my stay in Calgary, the Association accepted the Constitution, organized a membership drive, and began work on appointing someone to prepare for the opening of a Reformed Christian college in Alberta. After I left, the Association continued its work, eventually opening The King's University College in Edmonton in 1979. That experience in Alberta helped me very much in my involvement to start Redeemer.

**Q. And was it in St. Catharines that you became involved in Redeemer?**

A. Yes. I had been involved with the Ontario Christian College Association since its inception in 1976. By 1981, that organization had become Redeemer College and it was getting

ready to open its doors the following year. Along with Rev. John Zantigh, I was part of the Presidential Search Committee. When our work was not progressing well, it was John who actually recommended me to the post. I literally laughed at him when he initially approached me, but in the end, to my great and utter surprise, the Board approved my appointment and I became the President.

**Q. What was most challenging about being President?**

A. I often struggled with feeling unqualified for doing the job. I mean here was I, a preacher—surrounded by all these academics, both on our own faculty and at meetings with other university administrators—trying to run a brand new university that already had more than enough challenges in front of it. But I soon realized that faculty, even though they were brilliant and

dedicated, were ordinary people, with their own strengths and weaknesses like everybody else. And they often proved that when we started talking about administrative matters.

But I never really felt alone. I had the support of our Board of Governors, which was so important. I was privileged to have the support and encouragement of many people, especially my fellow administrators and support staff. I was also able to call upon a number of other presidents for advice—Tony Diekema at Calvin and B.J. Haan at Dordt were always willing to hear me out and offer advice. And Alvin Lee at McMaster University acted as a mentor to me, for which I am tremendously grateful. And even though we had our differences, our faculty was very supportive. Above all, I experienced the Lord's presence in my work.

**Q. What memories do you hold most dear about your days as the President?**

A. There are two things that I remember as being so encouraging. The first was when the faculty all showed up for my inauguration ceremony. That meant so much to me personally to have that type of support. And the second was the Opening Convocation ceremony at Centenary United Church. All the years of hard work coming to fruition—it was an incredible experience. I also look back in amazement at how we came to acquire the Ancaster campus. First, we received a completely unexpected \$1 million donation; then, just when we thought we had found the perfect property, we were told that zoning regulations would prohibit us from developing it. And then, again completely unexpectedly, the Whaley property became available.

**Q. What was the most difficult time of your presidency?**

A. The collapse of the Brookview Trust, and its fallout, was my most painful time in office. But even through the mistakes that were made, by me included, and the grief that resulted, I still felt that the institution, and myself, had the support of our community.

**Q. How are you enjoying your retirement?**

A. At first, it was a little difficult. After being involved for so long, I realized that the institution is not dependant on Henry De Bolster for its survival. I'm still asked for my opinion and feedback once in a while and I keep up with what is happening through Board mailings and the like, but I'm not much involved.

**Q. You have been associated with Redeemer since before it even opened, and that has given you a unique perspective. Did you, or do you, ever have any doubts about Redeemer's future?**

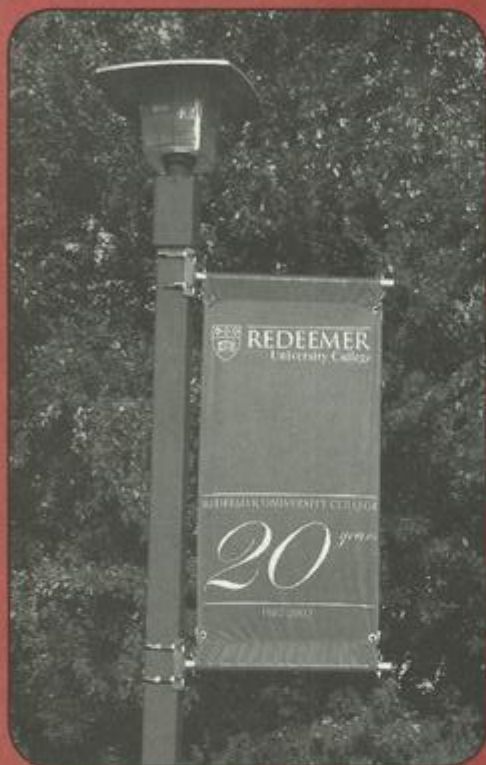
A. Never; and I still don't. I was always convinced that this is the will of the Lord, and that He will continue to bless it, as long as we are faithful. That is not to say that Redeemer will not face struggles. But if it remains firm to its principles, especially through the challenges of finding the faculty that share the Reformed principles upon which it was based, then I have no doubt that Redeemer will continue to experience the Lord's favour.

Rev. De Bolster, thank you.



Rev. De Bolster and his wife Cobie at a Milk and Honey event.

*Editor's Note: This article merely touches on a number of moments in Rev. De Bolster's life and career. Those interested in learning more about the early history of Redeemer should read De Bolster's book *Stepping Forward in Faith*, available from the Redeemer Bookstore. He is also working on his memoirs, which he is writing primarily for his grandchildren. They should be ready for publication sometime in 2003. Images will carry an announcement when that work is completed.*



## Celebrating 20 Years of God's Faithfulness

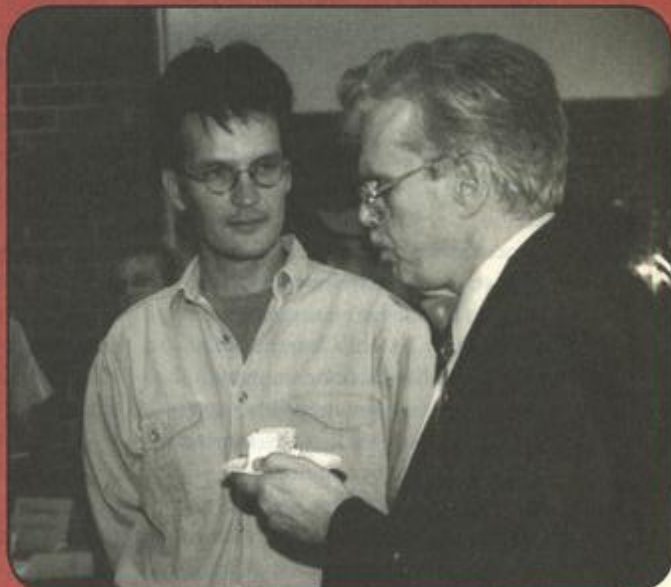
That is the theme that Redeemer University College has chosen to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first classes being offered. Throughout the fall, many different events are commemorating this event.

Opening Convocation on September 3<sup>rd</sup> welcomed students, faculty, staff, and supporters to this anniversary year. During the ceremony, a video covering a number of events of the first 20 years was played, giving students a sense of some of the history of Redeemer. After Convocation, a flowering pear tree was planted to commemorate the anniversary, and a reception was held in the Centre Foyer. Thanks to Connon Nurseries (NVK Holdings, Inc) for donating the tree.

On Saturday, October 5, Redeemer welcomed alumni and other supporters for a day of celebration. Combining the annual Homecom-



President Emeritus De Bolster, President Cooper, Hon. Brad Clark, MPP and Minister of Labour, and Student Senate President Erin Goheen plant the tree using a pair of inscribed shovels provided by Reinders Consultants.



Pioneer student Dr. Ken Faber listens as Dr. Plantinga makes a point

ing festivities, the annual Membership Meeting, and a dinner for friends of Redeemer, it was a day of fun, fellowship, and thanksgiving as 20 years of Christian university education and 20 years of alumni achievements were celebrated. Over 60 alumni, many from the Pioneer class which began their studies when Redeemer opened in 1982, came for the day.

They were joined by scores of other supporters for a banquet that included words of greeting from representatives of all three levels of government, reminisces by original faculty member Dr. Theo Plantinga and Pioneer student Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat. Dr. Cooper and Rev. De Bolster also spoke, offering their thanks to the support community for sustaining Redeemer over these 20 years, and praising God for His continued faithfulness.

After the dinner, guests were treated to a concert by Redeemer's Alumni Choir, featuring a performance of Vivaldi's Magnificat.



Ontario Minister of Labour Brad Clark speaks at the banquet. Minister Clark, like MP John Bryden and Hamilton City Councillor Murray Ferguson, encouraged Redeemer to remain true to its religious roots.



Harvey Vandermeer and Tony Boer share a story about their experiences as Pioneer students

Another event commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be the Second Annual Business Community Open House, to be held at Redeemer on Thursday, November 14 from 4-6 pm. Over 200 business leaders from the Hamilton and Burlington Chambers of Commerce are expected to be part of the Open House, which will be held in the Centre Foyer. Besides the networking opportunities, it is a great chance for Redeemer to share its stories with the corporate community of the region.

Business representatives interested in attending the Open House should contact Ms Lisa Gonnering, Annual Fund Coordinator, at 905.648.2131, Ext. 4475 (email: lgonner@redeemer.on.ca).

# Music, reading, writing and service

Sam Martin marches to the beat of his own drummer

*"Lord, Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."*

This is the verse that most inspires Sam Martin these days. A second year student from Gilmour, Ontario, Sam keeps busy with his studies (he is an English Major with an Art Minor), and playing in both the Chapel and Church in the Box bands. Sam is their percussionist; if there are bongos, a tambourine, or even a set of spoons to be played, Sam is the man. Before university, Sam was a drummer in two other bands, but he admits that drumming wasn't really his forte, so he switched over to other percussive objects. "It seemed a venue that I was comfortable with," says Sam, who likes to share with people, but only speaks in services when he feels he has something of real worth to say.

When not supplying the rhythm for one of these worship groups, Sam can be found working on one of his art projects, reading "a lot" and writing "not as much as I'd like to." He was "stuck on Tolkien for awhile," and has now branched out to include Alistair MacLeod and W.O. Mitchell in his list of favourite authors. As for writing, Sam admits he'd like to possibly get into the writing scene after university,

but it's a very personal thing for him. Criticism of his work, as criticism seems to be to for all writers, "(takes) apart something that's a part of you."

So, if Sam keeps his writing to himself, where will he be found after university? Try looking in Mongolia. Sam would love to teach English as a Second Language somewhere overseas, and Mongolia was his country of choice. He appreciates the rich culture that "nobody knows much about." Through his Missions course at Redeemer, Sam has wondered more and more how he can be involved with the world, and this seems like one option for him.

In the course of this desire to be involved, Sam met with Peter Har-sevoort. Peter, a first-year student at Redeemer, is confined to a wheelchair and relies on a personal assistant to aid him with his personal care. After interviewing a number of students for the position, Peter felt most comfortable with Sam. "We don't get to hang out a lot, because of our schedules," says Sam disappointedly, "But he is quite the guy!" Sam declares that Peter is intellectually far beyond him, and incredibly mature. "He wants to do something with his life," Sam says admiringly, and it is this attitude that inspires Sam's own academic endeavours.

Although Sam always wants to do well in all that he does, it can be hard to motivate himself sometimes, especially as he's nearly halfway through university. "I want to become more reliant on God," he says quietly. In his academic work, in his work with



the students around him, and in his future mission work, he knows that spiritual intimacy with God will be his best motivator. Sam doesn't want to just spout Christian clichés; he wants to become a person who is "living out my faith."

For Sam, this means "accepting what I cannot change"—homework, stress, the little daily things that hamper us all; "changing what I can"—motivating himself to be the best that he can be; and, most importantly, developing "the wisdom to know the difference." Sam is well on his way to having that wisdom, and is a great part of the Redeemer community because of it. |

*Brianna Kube is a fourth-year English and Theatre Arts major from Willow Street, PA*

## Giving life to words

Series allows students to interact with poets

For the second year, Redeemer is pleased to host a series of readings featuring award-winning Canadian poets. Sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts, these readings allow Redeemer students, and poetry lovers from the greater community, to hear from and speak with poets from across the country.

Redeemer's involvement with this series came at the invitation of local poet and song-writer John Terpstra. "Last year, John was trying to secure a new Canada Council grant for a poetry reading series in Hamilton, and to qualify he needed another venue at which the poets could speak," says Associate Professor of English Dr. Deborah Bowen. "So John asked if Redeemer wanted to participate. We were thrilled to be a part of it."

The response from the poets has been very positive. "These are not necessarily Christian poets," notes Dr. Bowen. "But they were very pleased with the interaction they had with our students. In fact, one of the poets scheduled to speak this year was encouraged to come to Redeemer by a poet who was here last year." Several of this year's poets are also fiction-writers and will read from both genres.

Students are also excited to have this opportunity. "Having a Governor General's award winner like Don McKay speak here puts Redeemer

on the cultural and artistic map of Canada," notes Danny Irvine, a fourth-year English and Theatre major from Orillia, ON. But beyond the "prestige factor," Irvine notes that students really benefit from the chance to meet their subject matter. "We get to see the writers not as mere objects from a book, but as people with their own individual cares and concerns who respect us enough to share their time and their opinions."

There are a number of Poetry Readings throughout the academic year. These are open to the public and are free of charge. All readings take place in the Boardroom at 4:20 pm.

**November 7, 2002**

Michael Crummey (Baltimore MD, now Toronto)

**December 5, 2002**

Anne Simpson (Nova Scotia)

**January 30, 2003**

George Elliott Clarke (Nova Scotia, now Toronto)

**March 6, 2003**

Michel Redhill (Newfoundland)

**April 3, 2003**

Linda Rogers (British Columbia)



Poet Katherine Lawrence spoke at Redeemer on October 17.

## Finding God in history

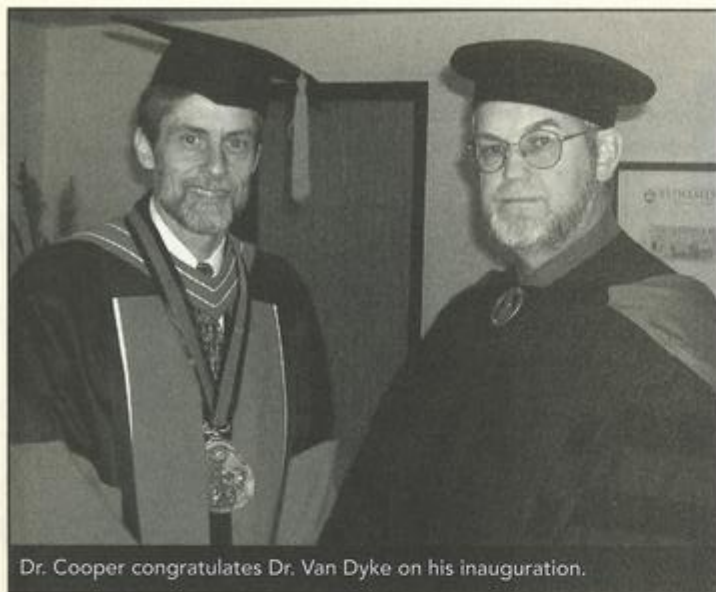
Inaugural ceremony honours Van Dyke

Historians," stated one wag, "tell it like it was." That certainly wasn't the sense one got from listening to Historian Harry Van Dyke as he gave his inaugural lecture on October 18 to a gathering of academics, students, alumni and friends. Dr. Van Dyke made it clear that, far from merely reciting the facts of historical events, the Christian historian professes God in history as a means of enriching one's insight into reality, to better prepare students for life, to give voice to faith within science and to praise God for His might and wisdom. A believing reading of history, stated Van Dyke, reassures us that nothing happens by chance but everything is directed by the hand of our heavenly Father. The lecture highlighted the evening in which Van Dyke, one of eight original Redeemer faculty members, was promoted to the rank of Full Professor, the highest level of academic standing



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Dr. Cooper congratulates Dr. Van Dyke on his inauguration.

## Celebrating the legacy of a "spiritual godfather"

On October 4 and 5, Redeemer was pleased to host a conference in tribute to the late H. Evan Runner. Throughout his lengthy teaching career at Calvin College, Dr. Runner was a dynamic advocate of a Christian worldview and its implications for the study of philosophy and various other fields, as well as its implications for Christian social engagement. Runner was instrumental in founding the Institute of Christian Studies in 1967, and his ideas and emphases played a formative role in the development of Dordt College, Trinity College, the King's University College and Redeemer University College.

Prof. Runner championed the idea that Christ's Lordship is exercised over all Creation. The breadth of

granted to faculty.

Dr. Jacob Ellens, Redeemer's Vice-President (Academic) noted Dr. Van Dyke's many contributions to Redeemer's History Department and to the university's strong reputation for academic excellence and solid Christian perspective. Van Dyke's appointment, stated Ellens, was an appropriate step for a Christian scholar who had served the university and his discipline so well, a statement endorsed by the many Redeemer students who have benefitted from his faithful scholarship and insights over the years.

Text of the address will be available in the Redeemer Campus Bookstore for a nominal fee.

## Redeemer announces Runner Chair in Philosophy

Redeemer University College is very grateful to have received a large financial gift that enables it to open its first endowed chair. As is usual in the case of endowed chairs, a donor has given a substantial gift to fund an academic position in perpetuity. The donated funds are placed in a restricted fund in

Redeemer's overall endowment fund where it will be carefully managed by an investment committee of the Board of Governors. The position will be funded from the annual interest generated by the investment and excess income will be reinvested and added to the principal which may not be diminished.

The intention of the donor and the aim of this endowed chair is to enable Redeemer University College to honour the memory of the late philosopher, H. Evan Runner. The holders of this chair will be expected to work within, and to carry forward, the tradition of philosophy in the line of Augustine, Calvin, Dooyeweerd, and Vollenhoven that Dr. Runner taught in a faithful and fruitful career to several generations of students, including those who shaped the foundations of Redeemer.

This chair is to be filled with someone, likely to be of senior rank, who will be a gifted scholar, teacher, and communicator, able to make a significant contribution to the field of philosophy and to engage our culture with a seasoned Reformed Christian witness.



Dr. Runner, from *Life is Religion*, a collection of essays honouring him and his work. (courtesy, Paideia Press)

Runner's impact was seen at the conference, which featured workshops that examined his impact across a wide spectrum of disciplines. "That is a tribute to the wide-ranging impact that his thought had – theologians, natural scientists, educators, historians and political theorists all claim him as a mentor to their own varied fields of study," notes Dr. Jacob Ellens, Vice-President (Academic) and Professor of History at Redeemer. The conference also featured a tribute to Runner by representatives of some of the many other Christian organizations that were influenced by him, such as the Christian Labour Association of Canada, Citizens for Public Justice, the Ontario Christian School Teachers' Association, and clergy from the Christian Reformed Church.

Runner's impact was felt largely through the relationships that he developed with his students. He was not a prolific publisher of academic papers and books, but he spent much time with his students outside of class, discussing the ideas that would shape future generations of students. At the conference, Dr. Harry Van Dyke spoke of Runner's impact through the Groen Club, a student group formed to study in-depth issues related to philosophy, life and religion. Many of those students went on to become teachers themselves, in high schools, but also at a variety of colleges and universities, both secular and Christian.

For example, Dr. David Koyzis, Associate Professor of Political Science at Redeemer never studied directly under Runner, but Koyzis' own thought was shaped by Dr. Bernard Zylstra, a Groen Club member. "There is an entire network of academic political scientists teaching in a variety of institutions throughout North America who are the indirect heirs of Runner's legacy," says Koyzis. "I am pleased to include myself in this company of God's saints."

## Students, schools and teachers

John Stronks' career has impacted all aspects of Christian schooling

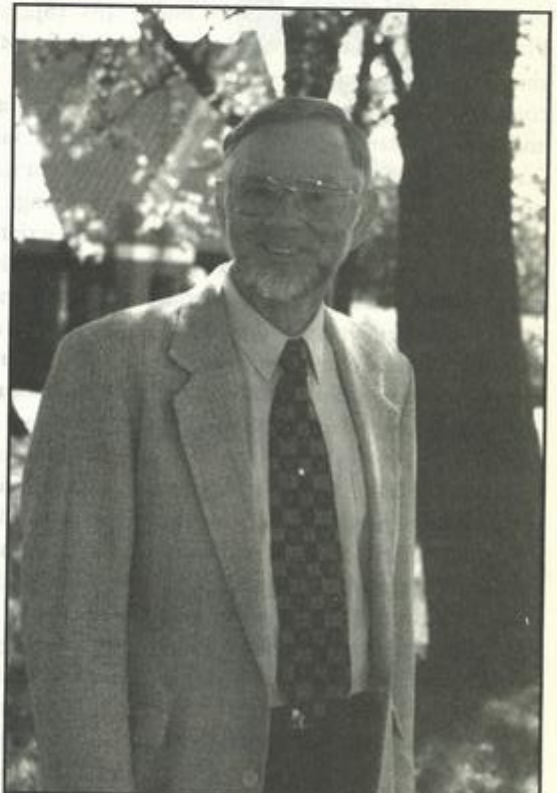
John Stronks, Associate Professor of Education at Redeemer University College, retired on October 31, 2002, having served the Christian school movement for 43 years. He has been involved with the Christian elementary school movement in Ontario almost from its inception, first as a teacher and principal, and later as the Director of Elementary Schools at the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools. For the last 12 years, Stronks has been training aspiring teachers at Redeemer.

His involvement in Christian education from kindergarten to university, what he calls "the one, colourful cloth of Christian schooling," is for Stronks evidence of "a Christian community saying 'yes' to God's call to parents to train their children to love the Lord with 'the heart, head and hands'." Stronks' own role in that training has been to help schools become integrally Christian in every aspect, from administration, to relationships and to curriculum and pedagogy, so that Christian schooling retains its unique and distinctive character.

John Vriend, a colleague and friend of Stronks, and chair of Redeemer's Education Department, notes that Stronks has made three significant contributions to Christian education

in Ontario: "His strength has been in articulating a Reformed perspective in schooling, working this out in a Christian curriculum, and setting a standard of professional competence."

Stronks' impact will be felt for years to come through the work of the over 330 student teachers he has helped train. He has also co-authored, along with Jim Vreugdenhil of the OACS, *Hallmarks of Christian Schooling*, which defines and promotes the distinctive character of Christian day schools. To aspiring educators, Stronks offers this advice: "Acquire and nurture a passion for teaching, and develop the unique interests given you by God." His own unique gifts and strengths will be missed at Redeemer, but upon retiring, Stronks plans to volunteer his skills wherever they may be needed.



John Stronks has spent over 40 years in the service of Christian education

## 10 Myths about Chapel at Redeemer

*Editor's note: Redeemer is blessed to have an outstanding, and at times outspoken, faculty. Beginning with this issue, Images will provide a forum for faculty opinions on topics relating to Redeemer in "Lectern At-Large," one of the new features of the redesigned Images.*

*In this inaugural piece, the newly-appointed Chapel Coordinator, Dr. Bert Polman, Professor and Chair of the Music Department, shares his opinion on the nature and role of chapel at Redeemer.*

### 1. Chapel is for students.

The process of my appointment as Chapel Coordinator included this not-so-subtle suggestion several times, but I beg to differ, as I'm convinced chapel should be for the *entire* Redeemer community, i.e., students, faculty, staff, and guests on campus.

### 2. Praise songs should be the primary musical repertory in chapel.

Worship in which we bring all our joys and sorrows to God requires a large repertory of songs: psalm settings (including laments), old and modern hymns (including praise songs—and there are some excellent ones!), but also songs from Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

### 3. Loud socializing before chapel makes it user-friendly.

Visiting with each other is wonderful outside the chapel, but once you enter, an attitude of quiet devotion and reverence is appropriate. Silence is needed to help us center on God in a place that avoids obtrusive noises.

### 4. Long messages are normative for chapel.

Academic places are filled with lectures and the danger is for chapel

to become simply another lecture. I think it is better to reduce the verbiage, to experience a greater sense of awe and mystery, and to hear more frequently shorter testimonies of what God is saying and doing in our lives and his world.

### 5. A few short prayers are expected in every chapel.

Prayer is always appropriate, but can easily get crowded out by long sermons or long sets of songs.

More time should be devoted in chapel to both spoken prayers and sung prayers, and to a greater mix of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication [ACTS].

### 6. Scripture is best read by one reader.

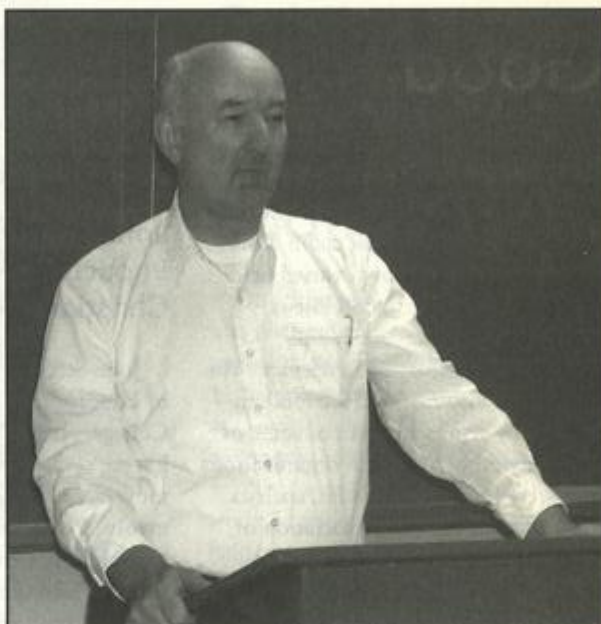
No! Many passages of Scripture contain multiple voices and are best read out loud with a mix of voices that range from several speakers to a fully-scripted readers' chorus. We need to invest the same amount of time to the rehearsing and reading of the Bible as we currently devote to chapel music.

### 7. Themes for chapel should be drawn from the direct experiences of Redeemer students.

Our campus, with our local needs and rejoicings, is always a good place to start. But we live in a global village with a cosmic kingdom task given to us by our Lord, so our focus for chapel should be as far-reaching and cause us to expand our vision beyond our immediate concerns.

### 8. You may lift your hands but you can not kneel in chapel.

Many in chapel experience the joyful freedom of lifting hands to God in songs and prayers. The



complementary gesture – kneeling – is more difficult physically as there is no room in front of each seat. But if you'd like to kneel, sit near an aisle, and then move out to the aisle to kneel (or dance, for that matter!).

### 9. Projecting the song lyrics on a screen is a good replacement for hymnals.

Reading lyrics from a screen without burying your head into a shared hymnal is fine. But projecting only lyrics contributes to musical illiteracy and often hampers attempts to sing harmony parts. Various technologies and copyright licenses allow us to project not only lyrics but also song scores for congregational melody- or part-singing.

### 10. Chapel occurs in a nice mid-week spot.

I think the current once-a-week time, and not at all during exam weeks, is hardly enough for a Christian institution! But even once a week chapel requires time, personnel, and budget resources to make it an important worship experience for everyone at Redeemer. I'm thankful that we now devote more resources to our chapel program; perhaps we can think afresh about chapel every day!

# Good Question!

Rita Klein-Geltink,  
Manager of Gift Planning

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## The votes are in and ...

As a result of the ballots that were mailed and emailed this summer, the Redeemer Alumni Board of Directors is pleased to welcome the following people to serve on the Board for a three-year term:

**Alan Bezuyen '98** (History) a Grade 7 teacher at Calvin Christian School in Dundas

**Kevin Huinink '95** (Psychology and Business), who is teaching Computer and Business courses at Woodland Christian High School in Breslau.

**Alma Rivera-Pittaway '92** (Biology), is currently enjoying a maternity leave with her third child. She splits her time between teaching high school science with the Hamilton-Wentworth Board and being a part-time lab instructor at Redeemer.

**Steve Witteveen '95** (Business), is practicing corporate and commercial law at Pavey Law in Cambridge, ON

The Board is grateful for the contributions that our retiring Board members have made. Mike Bax, Rick Schenk, Doreen Van de Ban (Van der Heide) and Stacia Vong-Hogeterp have contributed with both their times and talents. We are now looking forward to taking advantage of the talents and skills of these new members to develop programs and activities that benefit Redeemer, its alumni, and its students. Thanks also to all alumni who voted.

## Connecting alumni and students

One of the most popular and practical alumni programs over the number of years has been the Alumni Career Network. A mentoring program for Redeemer students and alumni just starting out in the work force, the ACN provides contact information for alumni who have experience in a variety of different work places. Over 75 alumni have agreed to list their name and contact information in a booklet which is made available to current Redeemer students. Students interested in a particular field or graduate school can contact an alumnus listed in the booklet to learn more about that area or company.

The Alumni Office and the Career and Placement Office encourages alumni to share their experience with Redeemer students. It is a no-cost, low-obligation way to assist Redeemer students in their career search process. To participate in the Alumni Career Network, please complete the accompanying form and send to:

Alumni Office—ACN, Redeemer University College, 777 Garner Rd. E., Ancaster, ON L9K 1J4

You can also submit your information electronically through an e-mail to [alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca) or via the web: [www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/ACN](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/ACN)

The next version of the Alumni Career Network is scheduled to be released next spring. Please submit your response by December 31, 2002 to be included in that edition.

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*A one- or two-line description of any of the positions which you have/have had that would be helpful for Redeemer students to know (ie, job description, working conditions, etc.):*

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Please feel free to note any other suggestions or comments that you have about the program.



What went wrong? - Justin Cook '95, Eric Lammers '95, Fred Breukelman '95 and James Walraven '93 look for defects in their clubs at the Alumni Golf Tournament.

## Fore fun

### The 8th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

Over 50 alumni and friends came out to the New Course at Knollwood Golf Club for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Redeemer Alumni Association Golf Tournament. Although the venue was new, some of the traditions that have been built over the years, like peanut galleries at the first tee and the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, continued this year. The best tradition, besides having good weather yet again, was the fun that the golfers had on the course and afterwards.

Although not yet a tradition, the best-ball tournament was won again this year by the team of John and Karen Vellinga, Rod Vellinga and Greg Van Rooyen. John also took the Closest to the Pin Award, while Dr. John Byl, Professor of Physical Education, had the Longest Drive.

Watch future issues of *Images* for information on next year's tournament.

## Alumni to challenge varsity

The Athletic Department is once again hosting challenge matches between current and former varsity teams early in the new year:

### Friday, January 11

Women's Volleyball	6:00 p.m.
Men's Volleyball	8:00 p.m.

### Friday, January 17

Women's Basketball	6:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball	8:00 p.m.

Former varsity players interested in playing should contact the Athletic Office as soon as possible; please include your preferred position, and the number of years you played at Redeemer.

As part of the Volleyball Challenge Weekend, the Alumni Association and the Athletics Office are also pleased to welcome alumni back to Redeemer for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, January 11, 2003. Alumni are encouraged to

pull a team together for a great day of fun and competition.

Teams registering for the tournament should have:

- at least 6 players
- at least 2 women on the court at all times
- no more than 3 former Redeemer male varsity players on the court at once

Spouses and friends of Redeemer alumni are welcome to participate, but please don't stack your team with olympic-calibre ringers.

There is an entry fee of \$75 per team (payable to Redeemer University College). The format will be based on the number of entries received by the registration deadline—January 3, 2003. To register, email [athletic@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:athletic@redeemer.on.ca) or call (905)648-2131 ext 4267. Confirmation will be given by athletic department staff.

Athletic tournaments have always been popular with Redeemer alumni. Both varsity and non-varsity athletes enjoy getting together for fun and friendly competition. Besides the golf, volleyball and basketball tournaments that are being held this year, former Redeemer hockey players have also gotten together on occasion as well.

The Alumni Office is willing to offer logistic and organizational support to alumni who are interested in running tournaments or exhibition matches which feature Redeemer alumni. Working with the Athletic Office, we can help you contact other athletes and possibly provide the facilities for such events.

If you are interested in organizing an athletic event with Redeemer alumni, contact the Alumni Office to see what type of assistance can be provided.

## Personal Touch

Leticia Chan-Young '90 and David Young are pleased to announce the birth of their precious baby girl, Pearl Elyse. She was born December 3/02. Leticia will be accompanying her husband for one year to the island of Corsica due to the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. Any Redeemerite who loves hiking & beaches is welcome, especially 89-91 grads. (Just make sure you bring some "speculaas") Address: Ocagnano Village, 20213 Sorbo-Ocagnano, France.

Congratulations to Jody Moerman Faber '01 and Ryan Faber '00 who were united in marriage on June 22, 2002 in Chatham, Ontario. They are happily settling in Kalamazoo, MI, where Ryan is Intern Pastor at Millwood CRC.

Congratulations to Julie Brown Vos '00 and Henry Vos who were united in marriage on June 29, 2002. Henry works with his Dad on their family pig farm and Julie has a teaching position at John Knox Christian School in Oakville.

Congratulations to Tanya Hensen Pilkington '02 and Chad Pilkington who were united in marriage on August 17, 2002. Tanya currently has a teaching position at Kitchener Laurentian Hills Christian School teaching Grade 6.

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Cambridge, ON N3C 4H2; 519-249-  
1055; tanyahensen@hotmail.com

Lori Bergsma Ponsen '88 and Benjamin Ponsen '92 are praising the Lord for Ben's graduation from Calvin Theological Seminary with an M.Div (Masters of Divinity) on May 18, 2002. They have the honour of

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serving in First CRC of Kemptville, ON. They are blessed with 3 beautiful daughters: Harmony (9), Fayth (6), and Rachael (4).

Address: R. R. #5, Kemptville, ON  
K0G 1J0; 613-258-5352

John '93 and Kimberly Maich '93 and their three children, Robert (10), Grace (8), & Hannah (6) and new puppy Samuel continue to "stick it out" in the far regions of Northern Newfoundland where they are wearing turtlenecks in June. John is the Minister of the local United church, and Kimberly is the VP of the local elementary school. She has just completed her M.Ed. from Memorial University (Teaching & Learning: Exceptionalities) with a thesis entitled "When Pathways Cross: Special Education Teacher Collaboration under Pathways to Programming and Graduation," and was awarded Fellow of the School of Graduate Studies for academic excellence. She is now working on her Ph.D. in Cognition & Learning through Brock University. They would love to hear from old friends at [kmaich@yahoo.ca](mailto:kmaich@yahoo.ca)

With thanksgiving to God, Clarence '94 and Elaine Korvemaker announce the birth of another healthy child, Nathan Timothy, on October 2, 2002. The Korvemakers moved in July to the Niagara region where Clarence is now working in Burlington as a Tool and

Die Maker. Their new home address:  
4526 Dufferin Ave., Beamsville, ON  
L0R 1B5; email: cekorv@sprint.ca

*And one from the faculty....*

Theo Plantinga, who has taught philosophy at Redeemer since it opened its doors in 1982, recently announced that he plans to get married again. The bride-to-be is Janet Russell of Dundas. The wedding is scheduled for December 7, 2002 at 7:30 pm in St. James Anglican church in Dundas.

### News of Interest

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# From Amsterdam to Rosebud

Maki Van Dyke finds a home in the country

Unlike many of her classmates who claimed merely a Dutch heritage, Margaret (Maki) Van Dyke '91 is the real article—born and raised in Amsterdam, Van Dyke emigrated to Canada with her family when she was 14, settling in Hamilton. Although that was a significant change in her life, it was only the first of many, both geographical and perceptual, that would shape her life.

After graduating from Redeemer with a Philosophy major and a love for theatre, Van Dyke spent a year doing odd jobs and applying to graduate schools. She eventually moved to Edmonton, completing a Master's degree in Drama at the University of Alberta. Her program included a thesis on theatrical activity in Mennonite circles. "It was somewhat surprising to me that I could be involved in a secular academic community that was supportive and respectful of the role of religion in the theatre," she recalls. "It certainly wasn't the way I assumed a graduate school program would treat such issues."

There were many other assumptions, and stereotypes, that Van Dyke faced during her first years in Alberta. "I kind of expected to find a vibrant and diverse cultural community in Edmonton," she says, "but I had this perception that I would find some sort of a 'rural savage' mentality if I ventured into the small towns and countryside." It was not the environment that Van Dyke expected to find much of any type of theatre production. So when a colleague of hers from the University's theatre program

invited her to see the touring production of a Christian theatre group "from the country," she did not go with great expectations.

"It totally blew away all my assumptions," she says with the conviction of the converted. "Here was a troupe of obviously well-trained actors doing quality work that had very high production values. I was amazed." The show was part of the annual tour of the Rosebud Theatre, a Christian professional theatre company from Rosebud, AB (pop. 90), an hour's drive east of Calgary.

Van Dyke would spend the next two years in Rosebud, doing marketing work part-time for the Theatre and the Rosebud School for the Arts, which offers courses and programs for those interested in the theatre. "Although the church is not the only goal of our students," explains Van Dyke, "the increased demand for pastors and laypeople who can use drama in worship has opened doors for many to be involved in theatre on a full-time basis."

One of the biggest perceptual changes that Van Dyke had to make was in her understanding of what she wanted to do, and where her gifts lie. Although she is able to spend some time acting—her first love—with the Rosebud Theatre, most of her energies are spent teaching and in academic administration. As Registrar of the School of the Arts, Van Dyke



has harnessed and nurtured these newly-appreciated talents in a creative environment. "I am a left-brain thinker in a right-brain world. I get to boss around a bunch of artsies, who need and appreciate the direction that they are given."

For a city girl who loved living in the hustle and bustle of Amsterdam, Van Dyke has also come to love the tight-knit community of Rosebud. "The place exists solely because of the Theatre and School; everybody who lives there is absorbed by theatre. When I left Redeemer, it was the type of community of Christian artists that I had always imagined being a part of." It seems that for Maki Van Dyke, the changes in her outlook and direction have ultimately brought her to her goal. ■

*Editor's note: For more information on the Theatre, School and community, visit [www.rosebudtheatre.com](http://www.rosebudtheatre.com)*

# Henry R. De Bolster - My Opa, the President

Michelle VanEngen '99



feeling very small but extremely important because I carried "the President's lunch." Walking to the main office, telling the secretary that I had a special delivery for my Opa De Bolster, and walking past many unfamiliar people who smiled at me, made me feel unique. But the best part was walking into Opa's beautiful large office, with that really high ceiling, where he would greet me with his wide-open arms. Although it may have been a

pull for me to attend Redeemer. Opa did not pressure me to go to Redeemer College, but he did encourage me to go on to a post-secondary Christian institution. Through prayer, positive childhood experiences at "the College," and an excellent Education program, Redeemer became the obvious place of study for me.

Although Opa was no longer the President of Redeemer during my four years of study, I would still occasionally bump into him somewhere on campus. I can remember seeing Opa working out in the Fitness room, visiting former colleagues, attending meetings, being a guest lecturer or chapel speaker, and signing copies of the book he wrote. But the most meaningful times for me were when he would pick me up from the dorm, and drive me to his house for an evening with my Opa and Oma over dinner and ice cream. Those are times I cherish and remember fondly.

Looking back on some of my Redeemer experiences, it is easy to see how my Opa has helped create some unforgettable memories. The dedication and love that Opa displayed towards Redeemer has helped make me realize the many joys in Christian Education, both in my own education, and now as a teacher in a Christian elementary school. I have been extremely blessed to have experienced the life of being a Redeemer University College student, and I thank my Opa for being such an advocate for "the College!"

*Michelle VanEngen is a Grade 5 teacher at Trinity Christian School in Burlington, ON*

At the age of six I attended my first convocation; however, it was not of my own kindergarten class but of Redeemer College. I did not know anyone graduating, but being the oldest granddaughter of Rev. De Bolster, I and my family were invited to attend one of those first convocations. I do not remember this Redeemer experience, but as I grew older, I would develop many memories of Redeemer.

As I look back on my childhood, I remember my Opa (*Dutch for grandfather*) as a busy man who was very involved with Redeemer College. One of the highlights during visits to Opa and Oma's house would include personally delivering Opa's lunch to him. I remember walking through the brand new halls of Redeemer College,

very insignificant part of his busy day at work, my Opa always made me feel special when I came to visit him.

Opa also often encouraged our family to attend Redeemer events. With our "connections" we were able to get very good seats for the Concert Choir performances. As a young child, music played an important role for me. I learned to play the piano, and I too sang in my school choir. I always enjoyed the concerts because I felt this common love for music expressed as the singers sang, and I loved the music that was presented. I dreamed of one day wearing the red robes and singing in the choir myself.

Those dreams did become reality for me. I must thank my Opa for inviting me to go to the concerts because the Concert Choir was a big

# It was Twenty Years Ago Today ...

Welcome to BackFlap, Images' page of photos, stories and other tidbits that expose the lighter side of Redeemer. You can also win Redeemer clothing, books and other paraphernalia by participating in the contests featured in each issue. The Editors

How well do you know your Redeemer history? Do you remember what else happened in 1982? (Yes, other significant events did take place outside of Beach Boulevard that year.)

To celebrate 20 years, BackFlap invites you to play 20 Questions, with a chance to win Rev. De Bolster's book *Stepping Forward in Faith*, a history of Redeemer University College. Send your responses to *Images* by mail or email (see page 3 for contact information). A draw for the book will be held on January 3, 2003 from all the responses with the correct answers.

1. Who was the first person to graduate from Redeemer?
2. Who won for Best Costume at the Halloween Square Dance?
3. What day was Chapel?
4. What was served at the first meal during Orientation?
5. What was served at the first Last Supper?

6. Who was the Student Affairs Director?
7. Who was the only male faculty member without any facial hair?
8. Who gave the keynote address at Opening Convocation?
9. Who was editor of the school newspaper?
10. Where was Redeemer's "unofficial" post-hockey game headquarters?
11. Which movie ran away with the Oscars?
12. What did Canada get for its own in April, 1982?
13. Who went to war over a couple of sheep-infested islands?
14. Which Canadian musician died (Hint—the funeral dirge was

played very quickly)?

15. What did Rocky have that went on to be one of the biggest songs of the year?
16. What gave Vincent Price his biggest thrill that year?
17. Who did *Time* magazine dub as its "Man" of the Year?
18. Who made the most famous, and longest-distance, phone call?
19. What did CBC TV do to *The National* that changed sleeping patterns across the country?
20. Which fairy tale couple had their first son?

Bonus Question: Try to name one thing that Arend Kersten did not do that year.

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